



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE

REP. JAMES LOWER

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

12:00 PM

Room 521, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance was called to order by Chair Lower.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Lower, Marino, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Meerman, Paquette, Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kuppa.

Absent/Excused: None.

The Chair laid HB 4447 and HB 4448 before the committee:

HB 4447 (Rep. Albert) A bill to amend 2017 PA 202, entitled "Protecting local government retirement and benefits act," by amending section 3 (MCL 38.2803) and by adding sections 11 and 11a.

HB 4448 (Rep. Howell) A bill to amend 1909 PA 283, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and add to the laws relating to the establishment, opening, discontinuing, vacating, closing, altering, improvement, maintenance, and use of the public highways and private roads; the condemnation of property and gravel therefor; the building, repairing and preservation of bridges; maintaining public access to waterways under certain conditions; setting and protecting shade trees, drainage, and cutting weeds and brush within this state; providing for the election or appointment and defining the

powers, duties, and compensation of state, county, township, and district highway officials; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending section 20b of chapter IV (MCL 224.20b).

Representative Albert and Ed Noyola, representing the Michigan County Road Association, testified in support of HB 4447 and HB 4448. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Marino moved to adopt substitute (H-3) to HB 4447. The motion prevailed 8-5-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Marino, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Meerman, Paquette.

Nays: Reps. Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kupp.

Pass: None.

Todd Tennis, representing the Utility Workers Union of America, submitted a card in opposition to HB 4447 and in support of HB 4448, but did not wish to speak.

Tim Greimel, representing AFSCME Council 25, testified in opposition to HB 4447 and in support of HB 4448. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Marino moved to refer House Bill No. 4447 to the committee on Ways and Means, with recommendation as substitute (H-3). The motion prevailed 7-5-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Marino, Crawford, Howell, Eisen, Meerman, Paquette.

Nays: Reps. Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kupp.

Pass: Rep. Calley.

Representative Calley moved to refer House Bill No. 4448 to the committee on Ways and Means. The motion prevailed 13-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Marino, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Meerman, Paquette, Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kupp.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid SB 0173 before the committee:

SB 0173

(Sen. Stamas) A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 676d (MCL 257.676d), as added by 2014 PA 303.

Representative Marino moved to refer Senate Bill No. 173 to the committee on Ways and Means.

The motion prevailed 13-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Marino, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Meerman, Paquette, Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kuppa.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The following person submitted a card in support of SB 0173, but did not wish to speak:

Charles Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Business.

The Chair laid SB 0322 and SB 0323 before the committee:

SB 0322 (Sen. Victory) A bill to amend 1851 PA 156, entitled "An act to define the powers and duties of the county boards of commissioners of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local, administrative and legislative powers; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act," by amending section 11 (MCL 46.11), as amended by 2016 PA 77.

SB 0323 (Sen. Victory) A bill to amend 1909 PA 283, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and add to the laws relating to the establishment, opening, discontinuing, vacating, closing, altering, improvement, maintenance, and use of the public highways and private roads; the condemnation of property and gravel therefor; the building, repairing and preservation of bridges; maintaining public access to waterways under certain conditions; setting and protecting shade trees, drainage, and cutting weeds and brush within this state; providing for the election or appointment and defining the powers, duties, and compensation of state, county, township, and district highway officials; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending section 6 of chapter IV (MCL 224.6), as amended by 2015 PA 237.

Representative Meerman moved to refer Senate Bill No. 322 to the committee on Ways and Means. The motion prevailed 9-4-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Marino, Crawford, Calley, Eisen, Meerman, Paquette, Ellison, Kuppa.

Nays: Reps. Howell, Sowerby, Garza, Hope.

Pass: None.

Representative Meerman moved to refer Senate Bill No. 323 to the committee on Ways and

Means. The motion prevailed 9-4-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Marino, Crawford, Calley, Eisen, Meerman, Paquette, Ellison, Kuppala.

Nays: Reps. Howell, Sowerby, Garza, Hope.

Pass: None.

Representative Marino moved to adopt the meeting minutes from September 4, 2019. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. James Lower adjourned the meeting at 12:20 PM.

Representative James Lower, Chair

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